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SUBJECT : POSSIBLE BREAK-THROUGH IN WEST GERMAN-GUINEA
RELATIONS

1. HAVE LEARNED ON RELIABLE AND HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT
DUE TO EFFORTS OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, THERE IS
GOOD CHANCE THAT IMPROVEMENT IN WEST GERMAN-GUINEAN RELATIONS
MAY OCCUR WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.

2. LAST WEEK PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE RECEIVED A REPRESENTATIVE
OF WALDHEIM NAMED LEVIN (PH), A FORMER FRENCH GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL NOW ON THE UN SECRETARIAT, TO DISCUSS RELEAST GERMAN
PRISONER MARX AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH WEST
GERMANY. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS SEKOU TOURE AGREED HE WOULD
BE WILLING RELEASE MARX AS FIRST STEP IF WEST GERMAN PRESI-
DENT WOULD MAKE OFFICIAL DECLARATION EXPLICITLY CONDEMNING
PARTICIPATION OF GERMAN CITIZENS IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH
AS THOSE WHICH OCCURRED IN GUINEA IN NOVEMBER 1970. PROPOSED
DECLARATION WOULD STATE THAT GERMAN GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY
REJECTS THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR RECOURSE TO VIOLENCE IN INTER-
NATIONAL RELATIONS BY GOVERNMENTS, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS AND
CONDEMNS ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR SUBVERSIVE ACTS AGAINST
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INTEGRITY OF ANY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING OF COURSE REPUBLIC OF
GUINEA. IF SUCH DECLARATION IS MADE OFFICIALLY, THEN SEKOU

TOURE WOULD BE WILLING TO ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE RELEASED IN CONAKRY, NEW YORK AND BONN RECOGNIZING GERMAN DECLARATION AND ACCEPTING IT AS FIRST STEP TO ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS ON DIFFERENT FOOTING. WITHIN A FEW DAYS MARX WOULD BE RELEASED AND ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO CONTINUE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS.

3. SEKOU TOURE'S POSITION HAS NOW BEEN COMMUNICATED TO WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT FROM WHICH RESPONSE NOW AWAITED. SINCE NOTHING IN SUBSTANCE OF COMMUNIQUE APPEARS POSE ANY DIFFICULTY, IT MAY WELL BE THERE WILL FINALLY BE BREAKTHROUGH IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENTS IN GERMAN CASE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WALDHEIM PLANS TO PURSUE EFFORTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF GUINEA'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT FORMER FRENCH MINISTER BETTENCOURT MAY BE COMING TO GUINEA IN EARLY JULY TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IMPROVED FRENCH-GUINEAN RELATIONS.

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